

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An encasement system for a display article comprising:

a transparent top section having an integral cavity defined therein and a receiving channel having a keyway;

a bottom section having an integral cavity defined therein and a mating shoulder having a key; and

a snap fit means for connecting said transparent top section to said bottom section such that when said transparent top section and bottom section are connected a display article cavity is formed by said transparent top section integral cavity and bottom section integral cavity wherein the snap fit means for connecting said transparent top section to said bottom section is said receiving channel and mating shoulder when said mating shoulder is pressed into said receiving channel and said key is press fit into said keyway and the display article is thereby sealed from the outside environment when disposed within said display article cavity.

2. (CANCELLED) An encasement system as in claim 1 wherein said snap fit means for connecting said transparent top section to said bottom section is a receiving channel having a keyway and a mating shoulder having a key such that when said mating shoulder is pressed into said receiving channel said key is press fit into said keyway.

3. (CANCELLED) An encasement system as in claim 1 wherein said snap fit means for connecting said transparent top section to said bottom section is a receiving channel having a key and a mating shoulder having a keyway such that when said mating shoulder is pressed into said receiving channel said key is press fit into said keyway.

4. (ORIGINAL) An encasement system as in claim 1, wherein said transparent top section and bottom section are made from an acrylic substrate.

5. (AMENDED) An encasement system as in claim [3]1, wherein said transparent top section and bottom section are made from an ultraviolet protectant acrylic substrate capable of filtering at least 90% of ultraviolet light.

6. (ORIGINAL) An encasement system as in claim 1, further including a silicone seal disposed between said transparent top section and said bottom section for further sealing said display article cavity from the environment.

7. (ORIGINAL) An encasement system as in claim 1, further including an ultraviolet adhesive disposed between said transparent top section and said bottom section for permanently sealing said display article cavity from the environment

8. (ORIGINAL) An encasement system as in claim 1, wherein said bottom section is transparent for allowing viewing of both sides of the display article or double display article display.

9. (ORIGINAL) An encasement system as in claim 5, further including an ultraviolet adhesive disposed between said transparent top section and said bottom section for permanently sealing said display article cavity from the environment.

10. (ORIGINAL) An encasement system as in claim 1, wherein said transparent top section and said bottom section are of a sufficient thickness to allow said encasement system when operational to stand alone either in a portrait or landscape orientation.

11. (ORIGINAL) An encasement system as in claim 9, further including an inert gas sealed within said display article cavity.

12. (WITHDRAWN) A method of protecting a display article comprising the steps of : providing a transparent top section having an integral cavity defined therein and a receiving channel;

providing a bottom section having an integral cavity defined having an integral cavity defined therein;

providing a snap fit means for connecting said transparent top section to said bottom section such that when said transparent top section and bottom section are connected a display article cavity is formed by said transparent top section integral cavity and bottom section integral cavity wherein the display article is sealed from the outside environment when disposed within said display article cavity;

vacuuming out 90% to 99% of the air in the integral cavity and channel;

injecting an inert gas into said integral cavity through said channel; and

sealing the inert gas inside said cavity between said transparent top section and bottom section

13. (NEW) An encasement system for a display article comprising:

a transparent top section having an integral cavity defined therein and a receiving channel having a key;

a bottom section having an integral cavity defined therein and a mating shoulder having a keyway; and

a snap fit means for connecting said transparent top section to said bottom section such that when said transparent top section and bottom section are connected a display article cavity is formed by said transparent top section integral cavity and bottom section integral cavity wherein the snap fit means for connecting said transparent top section to said bottom section is said receiving channel and mating shoulder when said mating shoulder is pressed into said receiving channel and said key is press fit into said keyway and the display article is thereby sealed from the outside environment when disposed within said display article cavity.